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Commodity	Unit	Planted		Harvested		Average Yield		Production	
		2011	2012	2011	2012	2011	2012	2011	2012
Maryland		1,000 Acres				1,000			
Corn <sup>1</sup>	ACR	500	490	----	----	----	----	----	----
Corn, Grain	BU	----	----	430	425	109	115	46,870	48,875
Corn, Silage	TON	----	----	60	----	13	----	780	----
Soybeans	BU	470	480	465	475	39	45	18,135	21,375
Wheat, Winter	BU	260	295	190	210	66	65	12,540	13,650
Barley	BU	50	58	36	46	80	77	2,880	3,542
Hay, All	TON	----	----	220	220	2.65	----	584	----
Hay, Alfalfa	TON	----	----	35	35	4.0	----	140	----
Hay, Other	TON	----	----	185	185	2.4	----	444	----
Apples	LBS	----	----	----	----	----	----	40,000	40,500
Peaches	TON	----	----	----	----	----	----	3.9	3.9
Potatoes, Summer	CWT	2.2	2.2	2.2	2.1	300	380	660	798
Delaware		1,000 Acres				1,000			
Corn <sup>1</sup>	ACR	190	185	----	----	----	----	----	----
Corn, Grain	BU	----	----	182	177	130	120	23,660	21,240
Corn, Silage	TON	----	----	6	----	14	----	84	----
Soybeans	BU	170	170	168	168	39.5	41	6,636	6,888
Wheat, Winter	BU	80	85	75	82	69	----	5,175	----
Barley	BU	35	38	32	34	88	----	2,816	----
Hay, All	TON	----	----	15	15	2.53	----	38	----
Hay, Alfalfa	TON	----	----	5	5	3.0	----	15	----
Hay, Other	TON	----	----	10	10	2.3	----	23	----
Potatoes, Summer	CWT	1.6	1.4	1.6	1.4	250	250	400	350
United States		1,000,000							
Corn <sup>1</sup>	ACR	91,921	96,946	----	----	----	----	----	----
Corn, Grain	BU	----	----	83,981	87,721	147.2	122.3	12,358	10,725
Corn, Silage	TON	----	----	5,928	----	18.4	----	109	----
Soybeans	BU	75,046	77,203	73,776	75,693	41.9	39.3	3,094	2,971
Wheat, Winter	BU	40,646	41,324	32,314	34,834	46.2	47.2	1,494	1,645
Barley	BU	2,559	3,637	2,239	3,244	69.6	67.9	156	220
All Hay	TON	----	----	55,633	57,574	2.36	2.12	131	122
Hay, Alfalfa	TON	----	----	19,213	18,812	3.40	2.95	65	56
Hay, Other	TON	----	----	36,420	38,762	1.81	1.71	66	66
Apples	LBS	----	----	----	----	----	----	9.4	8.1
Peaches	TON	----	----	----	----	----	----	1.07	1.02
Potatoes, Summer	CWT	48	50	46	49	280	356	13	17

Agricultural Prices Received: by United States, October 2012

Commodity <sup>1</sup>	Unit	United States			Parity <sup>2</sup>
		Entire Month		Preliminary	
		October 2011	September 2012	October 2012	
		<i>Dollars</i>	<i>Dollars</i>	<i>Dollars</i>	
Wheat, All	Bu	7.27	8.27	8.37	18.50
Corn	Bu	5.73	6.89	6.95	12.10
Barley	Bu	5.51	6.40	6.15	12.80
Soybeans	Bu	11.80	14.30	14.20	29.30
All Hay, Baled	Ton	185.00	187.00	193.00	- - - -
Apples, Fresh	Lb	0.431	0.616	0.535	0.966
All Beef Cattle	Cwt	117.00	121.00	121.00	296.00
Calves	Cwt	145.00	162.00	163.00	407.00
Hogs, All	Cwt	68.70	55.70	60.70	162.00
Broilers, Live	Lb	0.430	0.490	0.500	- - - -
Turkeys, Live	Lb	0.773	0.762	0.765	1.670
Milk, All	Cwt	20.00	19.60	21.10	52.70
Eggs, Market	Doz	0.858	0.763	0.837	2.66

1/ Agricultural Prices are published at the end of each month throughout the year for the United States and selected states. Maryland is not in the monthly prices program; however, price information is available for Maryland commodities at the end of each production year. Throughout the year on Friday, the Maryland Field Office of USDA’S National Agricultural Statistics Service in cooperation with the Maryland Department of Agriculture publishes the Maryland Grain and Livestock report. This report contains current commodity price quotes from local and regional markets throughout Maryland and can be viewed at <http://www.nass.usda.gov/md/rlsetoc.htm#Grain>

Agricultural Labor

October Hired Workers and Wage Rates Increase Over 5 Percent From a Year Ago

There were 906,000 workers hired directly by farm operators on the Nation's farms and ranches during the week of July 8-14, 2012, up nearly 9 percent from the July 2011 reference week. Workers hired directly by farm operators numbered 872,000 for the reference week of October 7-13, 2012, up more than 5 percent from the October 2011 reference week. Farm operators paid their hired workers an average wage of \$11.36 per hour during the July 2012 reference week, up nearly4 percent from a year earlier. Field workers received an average of \$10.71 per hour, up more than 4 percent, while livestock workers earned \$10.89 per hour compared with \$10.29 a year earlier. The field and livestock worker combined wage rate, at \$10.75 per hour, was up 47 cents from last year. The number of hours worked averaged 40.4 for hired workers during the reference week, down a little over 2 percent from July 2011.

Announcing our End-Of-Year Agricultural Production Surveys

Our office is currently conducting our year-end crop and livestock production surveys which are designed to measure final crop production and livestock inventory. Only with your direct input, through response to our agricultural surveys, can we accurately describe how this year’s events affected agriculture in our State.

The December Agricultural Survey will provide final harvested acreage, yield, and production data for the following Maryland crops: Corn, Soybeans, Alfalfa Hay, and Other Hay. In addition Hog, Cattle, Sheep, and Goat inventory will be measured on separate livestock surveys.

Results from these comprehensive survey efforts will be released in January. If you are contacted please know that your confidential data will be used solely to produce end-of-year crop and livestock statistics for Maryland. Thank you for your continued support of our efforts to accurately portray Maryland agriculture. Happy Thanksgiving.

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